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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2016

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast to total 2.39 million tons this year, up from 2.09 million tons produced in 2015, according to the October 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 570,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, up 60,000 acres from 2015. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.20 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 4.10 tons per acre and the August forecast of 4.20 tons per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2016 is forecast at 62.8 million tons, up 7 percent from 2015. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.48 tons per acre, up 0.16 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 2 percent from 2015.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.

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